

REMARKS

Claims 52-54 are the only claims pending as of this First Amendment and Election. In a restriction requirement issued in the parent case as part of the Office Action of April 28, 2000, the Examiner identified these claims as "Group II" claims "drawn to method of making a socket contact, classified in class 29, subclasses 825, 832, 842, and 874."

Applicants will pursue the canceled claims in related applications and therefore request that those claims be canceled without prejudice.

Because of the cancellation of claims, Applicants are concurrently filing a Statement Concerning Deletion of Inventors.

If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

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